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## AN UNDESCRIBED ELEOCHARIS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

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### **Eleocharis Smallii**

Culms rather stout, about 6 dm. high and 2–3 mm. thick: summit of the basal sheath oblique: spikelet cylindric, acute, about 1.5 cm. long, as thick as the culm: scales narrowly lanceolate-oblong, acuminate; achene dark brown, obovate, turgid-lenticular, somewhat shining, 1.5 mm. long, rounded at the top; tubercle bulb-like, constricted at the base, one fourth as long as



FIG. 1. *Eleocharis palustris*.



FIG. 2. *Eleocharis Smallii*.

the achene and about one half as wide, rather abruptly tipped: bristles very slender, retrorsely barbed, equalling the achene and tubercle or a little longer.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, J. K. Small, September, 1893 (type); McCall's Ferry, York County, Pennsylvania, J. K. Small, September 26, 1891.

The accompanying figures show the relationship of the species to *Eleocharis palustris*; the drawings of *E. palustris* are from a specimen collected by Meisner at Schopfheim, Bavaria; those of *E. Smallii* are from the type specimen in the Herbarium of Columbia University.

Both of the stations cited are along the shores of the Susquehanna River, the plant growing in the water.

## A KEY TO THE NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES OF STROPHARIA

BY F. S. EARLE

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| 1. Stipe comparatively short and thick ( <i>Psalliota</i> -like); on the ground. | 2.                                       |
| Stipe elongated, slender ( <i>Panaeolus</i> -like); on manure.                   | 8.                                       |
| 2. Pileus whitish or yellowish-white.  | 3.                                       |
| Pileus yellow, orange or yellowish-brown.  | 5.                                       |
| Pileus green or greenish.  | 7.                                       |
| 3. Pileus white, center brownish; lamellae bluish-brown.                         | <i>S. caesifolia</i> Pk.                 |
| Pileus white or yellowish-white; lamellae dark-brown.                            | 4.                                       |
| 4. Lamellae adnate; stipe short (2.5 cm.).                                       | <i>S. bilamellata</i> Pk.                |
| Lamellae slightly adnexed; stipe 5-10 cm.  | <i>S. Johnsoniana</i> (Pk.) Pk.          |
| 5. Pileus glabrous, large (8-15 cm.), brownish-yellow.                           | <i>S. depilata</i> (Pers.) Sacc.         |
| Pileus squamulose, smaller (3-7 cm.).  | 6.                                       |
| 6. Pileus ochraceous; lamellae crowded.  | <i>S. squamosa</i> (Fr.) Quél.           |
| Pileus orange; lamellae subdistant.  | <i>S. squamosa aurantiaca</i> (Cke.) Pk. |
| 7. Pileus verdigris-green, large (8-11 cm.); stipe bluish.                       | <i>S. aeruginosa</i> (Curt.) Gillet      |
| Pileus greenish to whitish, small (2-3 cm.); stipe whitish.                      | <i>S. albo-cyanea</i> (Desm.) Gillet     |
| 8. Stipe glabrous.   | 9.                                       |
| Stipe floccose or fibrillose.  | 10.                                      |
| 9. Stipe glutinous; pileus obtuse.   | <i>S. semiglobata</i> (Batsch) Gillet    |
| Stipe dry; pileus umbonate.  | <i>S. umbonatescens</i> (Pk.) Sacc.      |
| 10. Stipe subviscid; spores large (18-20 $\mu \times$ 10-13 $\mu$ ).             | <i>S. stercoraria</i> (Fr.) Gillet       |
| Stipe dry; spores smaller (12-15 $\mu \times$ 7-9 $\mu$ ).                       | <i>S. siccipes</i> Karst.                |

The following species that have been referred to *Stropharia* are omitted:

*Stropharia irregularis* Pk. Bull. Torrey Club, 27: 16. 1900. This as I am informed by Professor Peck is probably only a form of *Hypholoma incertum* Pk. in which the veil is somewhat strongly developed. The distinction between *Hypholoma* and *Stropharia* is at best an artificial one since in each there is a fully developed cortina when young.

*Agaricus (Stropharia) Howeanus* Pk. Reg. Rep. 26: 59.